IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 3, of the Abstract of the Disclosure section, with the following amended paragraph:

- - ~~Codec circuit having a programmable digital bandpass filter.~~ A codec circuit having a programmable digital bandpass filter is disclosed. According to one aspect, a [[The]] bandpass filter [[can]] matches the filter characteristics of the codec circuit to a transmitted pulse code modulation (PCM) signal. The codec circuit [[can]] includes at least one programmable digital high-pass filter connected in series to at least one programmable digital low-pass filter. The setting filter characteristics for the programmable digital high-pass and low pass filters [[can]] are each [[be]] set by means of a signal identification device for identifying a PCM signal transmitted through the codec circuit. The filters ~~can be~~ are set as a function of the transmitted PCM signal in order to vary a bandpass filter characteristic for the programmable digital bandpass filter. - -